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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION PORTABILITY FOR SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-183e of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

4 (a) A member shall receive a month of credited service for each
5 month of service as a teacher, provided the Teachers' Retirement Board
6 may grant a member a month of credited service for a month during
7 which such member was employed after the first school day but not
8 later than the fifth school day of such month if (1) such month was the
9 member's first month of service as a teacher and (2) such month of
10 credited service is needed by the member in order to qualify for a
11 normal retirement benefit. Ten months of credited service shall be
12 equal to one year of credited service. A member may not accumulate
13 more than one year of credited service during any school year, except
14 that administrators who work more than ten months during a year
15 shall receive additional credit equal to one month of credit for each

16 month worked beyond ten months. For purposes of this subsection,
17 "administrator" shall mean the certified professional employee or
18 employees in a school district employed in positions requiring an
19 intermediate administrator or supervisor certificate.

20 (b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this
21 section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of
22 one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this
23 subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a
24 Connecticut teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the
25 case of absence described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each
26 five years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided
27 if any such absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such
28 additional credited service shall be limited to thirty school months;
29 and not to exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in
30 this subsection, except for service described in subdivision (17) of this
31 subsection. In no event [, however,] may any service described in this
32 subsection be purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will
33 become, entitled to receive a retirement benefit based upon such
34 service from any governmental system other than the teachers'
35 retirement system or the federal Social Security System. Additional
36 credited service includes:

37 (1) Service as a teacher in a school for military dependents
38 established by the United States Department of Defense;

39 (2) Service as a teacher in another state of the United States, its
40 territories or possessions;

41 (3) Service in the armed forces of the United States in time of war, as
42 defined in section 27-103, or service in said armed forces during the
43 period beginning October 27, 1953, and ending January 31, 1955;

44 (4) Service in a permanent full-time position for the state;

45 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July

46 1, 1965;

47 (6) Service as a teacher at the Wheeler School and Library, North
48 Stonington, prior to September 1, 1949;

49 (7) Service as a teacher at the Gilbert Home, Winsted, prior to
50 September 1, 1948;

51 (8) Any formal leave of absence as provided in regulations adopted
52 by the board, if the member subsequently returns to service for at least
53 one school year;

54 (9) Service as a teacher at the American School at Hartford for the
55 Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind or the Newington
56 Children's Hospital;

57 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the
58 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public
59 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,
60 provided eighteen days of such service shall equal one month of
61 credited service under subsection (a) of this section;

62 (11) Service in the armed forces of the United States, other than
63 service described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, not to exceed
64 thirty months;

65 (12) Service as a full-time, salaried, elected official of the state or any
66 political subdivision of the state during the 1978 calendar year or
67 thereafter, if such member subsequently returns to service for at least
68 one school year;

69 (13) Service in the public schools of Connecticut as a member of the
70 federal Teacher Corps, not to exceed two years;

71 (14) Service in the United States Peace Corps;

72 (15) Service in the United States VISTA (Volunteers in Service to
73 America) program; [and]

74 (16) Service in the public schools of Connecticut as a social work
75 assistant, from January 1, 1969, to December 31, 1986, inclusive, if such
76 member became a certified school social worker and remained in
77 public school service as a social worker after certification; and

78 (17) Service as a superintendent in another state of the United States,
79 its territories or possessions.

80 (c) Additional credited service must be purchased by a member (1)
81 prior to the time of retirement, (2) at the time a surviving spouse elects
82 benefits under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183h, or
83 (3) at the time benefits commence as provided under sections 10-183g
84 and 10-183jj. Any purchase of such service shall be accomplished by
85 the member paying to the board an amount determined on the basis of
86 actuarial factors adopted by the board which reflect the present value
87 of one-half of the full actuarial cost of the benefit increase that will be
88 derived by the purchase of such service, or, in the case of the purchase
89 of service described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of this section
90 in excess of ten years, the full actuarial present value. Such factors shall
91 consider the member's age at the time of purchase, actual or projected
92 salary, and the earliest date on which the member would be eligible for
93 a normal retirement allowance. Payments for additional credited
94 service may be made in a lump sum by transfer of funds from the
95 member's accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to
96 July 1, 1989, with credited interest and accumulated voluntary
97 contributions with credited interest plus such other amounts as may be
98 required to complete the purchase.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2007 | 10-183e(a) to (c) |
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow school administrators to receive additional retirement credit for service of more than ten months per year, and to permit

superintendents to be employed in Connecticut and be able to purchase unlimited credit for service as a teacher in another state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]